

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Divine Mercy Sunday

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 8th April

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
8th April Monday 10am	9th April Tuesday 10am
12th April Friday 7.30pm	10th April Wed 7.30pm
14th April Sunday 10am	13th April Saturday 10am
	13th April Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
11th April Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Vera McCartan (Downpatrick, formerly Ballynoe)

Month’s Mind: Theresa Fagan

Anniversaries: Paul Gilmore, Jim Maskey, Rosemary Clarke,
Angela McCartan, Joseph Keenan, Michael McCartan, Francie Tumelty

Weekly Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after all weekday Masses and at 6.00pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass in St Joseph’s.

Eucharistic Adoration

St Patrick’s Church, Legamaddy every Tuesday from 2.30-3.30pm.
St Joseph’s Church, Killough every Wednesday from 1.30pm-7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour will take place in St Joseph’s, Killough on Sunday 7th April at 3.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

“Divine Mercy Sunday is a name for the second Sunday in the Easter season. For many centuries, the Second Sunday of Easter was called Low Sunday, in contrast to the High Sunday of Easter.

In recent years this same Sunday has been given another celebration: Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2000, St. John Paul II canonised the Polish religious mystic Faustina Kowalska, and during his homily officially designated the Second Sunday of Easter “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

He explained during his homily: “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: ‘My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified,’ Jesus will ask Sr. Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love’s ‘second name’, understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness? Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time ... Jesus told Sr Faustina: ‘*Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy*’ (Diary, p. 132).”

Pope John Paul then went on to proclaim, “It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church *will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’*”

Jesus requested that this Second Sunday of Easter be named “Divine Mercy Sunday” in a vision to Saint Faustina that she wrote down in her *Diary*: “On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)” (By Philip Kosloski)